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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: TSPA  
SUBJECT: OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE - SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS CONSIDERED

1. SUMMARY. FULL DAY JUNE 28 SPENT IN PLENARY CONSIDERATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE (S&T S/C) AND LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS. MANY DELS REITERATED AND ELABORATED POINTS IN GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENTS. CARVER PROPOSED S&T S/C TAKEUP GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT ISSUES. CANADIANS PROPOSED OSC DIRECTION TO S&T S/C TO TAKE UP AS A HIGH PRIORITY ITEM NEED FOR ENSURING COMPATIBILITY AND COMPLIMENTARYITY AMONG EMERGING OPERATIONAL REMOTE SENSING SYSTEMS. END SUMMARY.

2. CHAIRMAN OF S&T S/C (CARVER, AUSTRALIA) BEGAN MORNING SESSION PRESENTING S&T REPORT. ONLY INITIATIVE CONTAINED IN CARVER REPORT WAS STATEMENT NOTING THAT SOME OF SPECIAL PROBLEMS RELATING TO GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT RAISED IN PRESENT SESSION MAY INVOLVE MATTERS ON WHICH S&T S/C MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE USEFUL ADVICE IF MAIN COMMITTEE WISHED S&T S/C TO DO SO. THIS PROPOSAL WAS LATER SUPPORTED BY AUSTRALIAN, SWEDISH, CANADIAN AND  
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UK DELS IN COMMENTS ON REPORTS. US DEL DID NOT ADDRESS AND DOES NOT INTEND TO OPPOSE.

3. UN APPLICATIONS PROGRAM REPORT SUBMITTED BY MURTHY NOTED THAT A JOINT UN/UNESCO PANEL MEETING ON SITE WILL TAKE PLACE IN AHMEDABAD FROM 31 OCTOBER TO 5 NOVEMBER. THIS PROGRAM IS FOR MANAGERIAL LEVEL PERSONNEL FROM

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO LEARN OF RESULTS OF SITE PROGRAM. MURTHY HAS ALSO ARRANGED MIDDLE EASTERN TOUR BY PROFESSOR F. SHAHROKHI, DIRECTOR OF SPACE INSTITUTE IN TULLAHOMA, UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE. THIS TOUR ON REMOTE SENSING AREA WILL BE SIMILAR TO MACHADO TOUR OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND HENINE TOUR OF AFRICA.

4. BUTLER, DEP SEC GENERAL OF ITU, REVIEWED RESULTS OF WARC-SB 77 AND SUMMARIZED PREPARATIONS FOR WARC 79. MADE CATEGORICAL STATEMENT THAT INTERNATIONAL SATELLITE TV BROADCASTING NOT FORESEEN IN 12 GH BAND. BUTLER NOTED ITU NOW ENGAGED IN IMPORTANT STUDIES OF FUTURE FREQUENCY NEEDS FOR REMOTE SENSING AS WELL AS COMMUNICATION SATELLITES.

5. ROMANIA (DUMITRU CEAUSU, FIRST SEC, MISSION TO UN IN NEW YORK) RECOMMENDED STEPPING UP UN TRAINING PROGRAM FUNDING. SUGGESTED NEED FOR NEW UN ORGAN TO DEAL WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRY NEEDS IN SPACE AND SUGGESTED VOLUNTARY FUND BE ESTABLISHED BY INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD TO FINANCE NEEDED ASSISTANCE. NOTED THAT LUNAR RESOURCES MUST BE TREATED AS PART OF COMMON HERITAGE AND REITERATED NEED FOR PRIOR CONSENT TO DBS AND NEED FOR REGIME OF CONTROL FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND INFORMATION RELATED THERETO.

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6. UK MADE STRONG STATEMENT RECOMMENDING OSC DIRECT LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE TO INCORPORATE S&T DEFINITIONS OF DATA AND INFORMATION INTO EXISTING DRAFT PRINCIPLES AND TO REVIEW LEGAL ADEQUACY OF DEFINITIONS AS DEVELOPED IN THE S&T S/C. REITERATED STRONG SUPPORT FOR STUDY OF USES OF SPACE TECHNIQUES FOR POLLUTION MONITORING. SUPPORTED NEED FOR STUDY OF COORDINATION AMONG EMERGING OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS, AND URGED OSC TO DIRECT S/C TO LOOK CAREFULLY AT ISSUES INVOLVED IN GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT DEBATE.

7. IN AFTERNOON SESSION, RADEL (AUSTRIA) REPORTED ON RESULTS OF DBS WORKING GROUP EFFORTS. EXPLAINED RESULTS ON PREAMBLE AND ARTICLE ON CONSULTATION AND AGREEMENT. REPORT WAS OBJECTIVE AND VERY MODESTLY OPTIMISTIC AS TO FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS. USSR TRIED TO TERMINATE PLENARY AND RESUME WORK IN THE WORKING GROUP. US SUGGESTED PLENARY BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE AND IF AVAILABLE TIME

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RESULTED AT END OF SESSION, WORKING GROUP COULD MEET.  
LATTER COURSE ADOPTED. PLENARY RAN UNTIL AFTER  
NORMAL SIX PM CLOSING. IT IS NOT LIKELY ANY FURTHER  
WORK WILL BE DONE ON DBS IN VIENNA.

8. ARGENTINA, VENEZUELA, CHILE ALL STRONGLY SUPPORTED  
A SPACE CONFERENCE, RECOGNITION OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER  
NATURAL RESOURCES, AND NEED FOR PRIOR CONSENT FOR DBS.

9. CANADIANS MADE MAJOR SPEECH ON NEED TO BETTER  
ORGANIZE COORDINATION OF EMERGING OPERATIONAL REMOTE  
SENSING SYSTEMS. DECRIED CURRENT LACK OF STANDARDIZATION,  
COMPATABILITY AND COMPLIMENTARITY OF SYSTEMS EXISTING  
AND BEING PLANNED. PROMISED CANADIAN DEL AT NEXT  
S&T S/C SESSION WILL SUBMIT REPORT ON THIS PROBLEM WITH  
ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION. NOTED OUTLOOK FOR GLOBAL  
COORDINATION AT PRESENT NOT VERY HEALTHY. URGED OSC  
TO INSTRUCT S&T S/C, AS A MATTER OF HIGH PRIORITY, TO  
ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM AND SEEK WAYS OF IMPROVING COORDINATION  
AND AVOIDING WASTEFUL DUPLICATION AND HIGH COST OF SYSTEM  
OPERATIONS. OSC SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER POSSIBILITY AND  
DESIRABILITY OF COMMISSIONING SPECIAL EXPERT STUDY OF THE  
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PROBLEM AND MEANS OF SOLVING IT. CITING RECENT ARTICLE  
IN AVIATION WEEK, CANADIANS SAID ONE ATTRACTIVE POSSIBILITY  
WOULD BE TO ORGANIZE WORLD REMOTE SENSING IN A SERIES OF

FEDERATED NATIONAL SYSTEMS ALONG THE LINES OF CURRENT WORLD  
WEATHER WATCH ARRANGEMENTS--NOT A NEW IDEA, BUT MAYBE  
ONE WHOSE TIME HAS COME IN REMOTE SENSING.

10. USSR MADE LENGTHY STATEMENT ON TOM. PRIMARILY  
FOCUSSING ON COMMON HERITAGE ISSUE, MAIORSKI NOTED THAT  
USSR DEL HAS REPEATEDLY ASKED FOR EXPLANATION, WHICH  
IT HAS NEVER BEEN GIVEN, OF WHAT PARACTICAL AND LEGAL  
CONSEQUENCES FLOW FROM THE DECLARATION THAT RESOURCES  
OF THE MOON AND OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES ARE PART OF THE  
COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND. WITHOUT SOME CLEAR ADD  
COGENT EXPLANATION FROM PROPONENTS OF THIS APPROACH,  
USSR COULD NOT AGREE TO SUCH LANGUAGE IN TREATY.  
EXPRESSED HOPE THAT DTBS PRINCIPLES WOULD BE  
COMPLETED AT NEXT LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE SESSION.  
USSR READY NOT TO OBJECT TO TASK FORCE ON WORLD SPACE  
CONFERENCE BUT TERMS OF REFERENCE MUST BE CLEAR, WORK  
SHOULD BE CONDUCTED QUICKLY AND RATIONALLY; IT SHOULD  
NOT BE A SEPARATE BODY WITH IDENTITY OF ITS OWN BUT SUB-  
ORGAN OF AND REPORTING TO S&T S/C.

11. OTHER DELS WHO SPOKE REITERATED EARLIER VIEWS AND  
ELABORATED IN SOME DETAILS WITHOUT NEW OR SURPRISING  
ELEMENTS. PLENARY DISCUSSION OF SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS  
TO CONTINUE JUNE 29. MEEHAN

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